PRESENT—*cont.*

Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. R.
Srinivasan, Rao Sahib R.
Subrahmanya Moopanar, Mr. S
Subrahmanya Pillai, Chavadi K.
Swami, Mr. K. V. R.
Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Tampoe, I.C.S., Mr. A. McG. C.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Tulasiram, Mr. L. K.
Uppi Sahib Bahadur, K.
Vanavudaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapati Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Wood, Mr. C. E.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
Zamindar of Gollapalli.
Zamindar of Singampatti.

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NEW MEMBERS.

The undermentioned new Special Members made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and took their seats :—

Mr. C. B. Cunningham.

Diwan Bahadur G. Narayanaswami Chettiyar.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Constitution of districts and divisions

Restoration of the Siruguppa taluk in Bellary district.

*1148 Q.—Mr. P. Siva Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state why no effect has hitherto been given to the proposal for the restoration of the Siruguppa taluk in the Bellary district which has been sanctioned by the Government?

A.—The proposal is still under the consideration of the Government. It is a scheme for inclusion in the next Budget subject to orders on the objections of certain villagers.

Gazetteers

Progress made in the revision of District Gazetteers.

*1149 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what progress has been made so far by the Personal Assistant to the Editor of Gazetteers during the sixteen months he has been in charge of the gazetteer work?

A.—The progress made up to the end of September 1928 was as stated below :—

B. Volumes (or Statistical Appendices) for Chittoor, Kurnool, Guntur, Chingleput, the Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Cuddapah, Anantapur, South Arcot, Salem, Bellary and Tinnevelly had been completed and final proofs had been sent to the press. B. Volumes for Nellore, North Arcot, Ramnad, Ganjam, South Kanara, East Godavari, Vizagapatam, Madura, Malabar, Tanjore and Trichinopoly had also been completed

and the proofs were in various stages of examination. A supplementary chapter for the Nilgiris had been finally approved. Proofs of supplementary chapters for Madura and Bellary were under examination. The chapter for Cuddapah had been compiled and sent to the press while that for Trichinopoly was being edited.

Irrigation

Investigation of the Appapuram project in Guntur district.

*1150-A Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how far the investigation has been made regarding the Appapuram project in the Guntur district;

(*b*) why it was suspended;

(*c*) whether the Government intend to take up the subject in the near or distant future;

(*d*) how many acres would be brought under wet cultivation if this project should be undertaken; and

(*e*) if the answer to clause (*c*) be in the negative, what are the obstacles in the way of the Government undertaking the project?

A.—The Appapuram Irrigation Project was abandoned in 1910 for the reasons given in paragraph 5 of the note[a] by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 29th April 1910, a copy of which is laid on the table.

As a result of the installation of six feet shutters on the Kistna Anicut, a block measuring 20,000 acres included in the Appapuram Project has been proposed along with other areas to be brought under short crop irrigation, for the investigation of which a special division is proposed to be sanctioned with effect from 1st April 1929, subject to the vote of the Legislative Council.

Investigation of the Rajaypet reservoir.

*1150-B Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have made any investigation into the Rajaypet reservoir project in Narasaraopet taluk, Guntur district; and

(*b*) if so, why it was given up?

A.—The Rajapet tank project (otherwise called the Boddulavagu tank project) was first investigated in 1903-04. Subsequently, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation that the major portion of the ayacut to be served by the project was commandable by the Kistna Reservoir Project then under consideration, the further investigation of the project was suspended in 1911.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 412-413 *infra*.